

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims to appear as follows:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Amended) A method for identifying a non-retinoid compound that induces expression of a retinoid-inducible gene in a mammalian cell, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) culturing a recombinant mammalian cell in the presence and absence of a compound, wherein the recombinant mammalian cell comprises a recombinant expression construct encoding a reporter gene operably linked to a promoter from a gene the expression of which is induced by a retinoid, wherein the promoter does not contain a RARE site;
- (b) comparing reporter gene expression in said cell in the presence of the compound with reporter gene expression in said cell in the absence of the compound; and
- (c) identifying the compound that induces retinoid-induced gene expression if reporter gene expression is higher in the presence of the compound than in the absence of the compound.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein expression of the reporter gene is detected using an immunological reagent.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein expression of the reporter gene is detected by assaying for an activity of the reporter gene product.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, where expression of the reporter gene is detected by hybridization to a complementary nucleic acid.

12-20. (Canceled)